Mountain Weather Forecast

North Grampian

Including North and West Cairngorms National Park, Monadhliath, Ben Alder, Creag Meagaidh, Loch Ericht and Loch Rannoch
Forecast valid from 00:00 on Friday 11 Dec 2020 until 23:59 on Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Forecast Issued on Thursday 10 Dec 2020 at 14:27 by Met Office Aberdeen

Confidence: High for cloudy skies and further rain and sleet with snow on higher tops on Friday and over the weekend.

Headline for Friday 11 Dec 2020: Cloudy with occasional rain and sleet with snow above 900m, mostly in south and east of area. Cold and windy on the tops.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 11 Dec 2020

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Medium Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Medium Likelihood

Poor visibility
High Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
No Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet	Fog	Sleet	Sleet	Sleet
Precipitation probability							
50%	40%	30%	30%	00%	40%	40%	50%

Forecast for Friday 11 Dec 2020

Weather: Cloudy with rain and sleet, snow above 900m becoming persistent overnight. The rain and snow will continue on Friday towards the south and east of the area. Drier weather further west towards Ben Alder and Creag Meagaidh and also over northwestern Cairngorms but still extensive cloud cover. Best any brighter interludes will be towards Monadhliath mountains.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Very little chance for most areas but 40% chance in far north of area. Clouds will be mostly well down the hills but some breaks to the northwest of area.

Visibility: Misty conditions over many ranges and very poor or virtually nil over higher elevations. Pockets of good visibility in north of area.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	49/63 SE	33/43 SE	30/40 SE	33/43 SE	32/43 SE	28/38 SE	26/34 SE	27/36 SE	27/36 SE
900	52/64 SE	39/49 SE	32/41 SE	35/45 SE	33/43 SE	29/38 SE	24/32 SE	27/35 SE	27/36 SE
600	24/36 S	30/42 SE	24/36 SE	17/28 SE	22/33 SE	11/16 E	9/15 SE	12/21 SE	13/23 SE
300	9/15 E	9/25 SE	11/26 SE	5/11 E	4/8 NE	4/8 E	6/13 E	7/14 E	5/12 E
Glen	3/16 S	3/11 SE	3/12 S	5/14 S	4/12 S	2/8 E	3/11 E	2/11 SE	3/10 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
1300	-3/-14	-3/-12	-3/-12	-2/-11	-2/-10	-2/-10	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-10
900	0/-9	1/-7	1/-7	1/-6	2/-5	1/-5	2/-5	1/-5	1/-5
600	2/-4	3/-4	3/-4	3/-2	4/-2	3/-0	3/0	3/-1	3/-1
300	4/1	4/1	4/0	4/2	5/4	5/4	5/2	5/2	4/2
Glen	4/3	4/3	4/3	5/3	6/5	6/5	6/4	5/4	5/3
Freezing Level*	900m	900m	900m	1000m	1100m	1200m	1200m	1100m	1000m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Met Office Aberdeen Meteorologist's View

Strong winds combined with temperatures around freezing will make it feel bitterly cold. In addition, extensive hill fog and sleet will lead to navigational difficulties.

Forecast for Saturday 12 Dec 2020

Weather: Another mostly cloudy day over the North Grampian area with extensive hill fog. There will be further outbreaks of rain and sleet, mainly in south and east of area with snow above 900m. There will again be pockets of drier, brighter weather in north.

Maximum wind: Much lighter winds on the tops, mainly southeasterly at only 10 to 15mph.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: Little chance with extensive cloud cover remaining well down the hills. Again a few sheltered parts in the north will have higher cloud bases.

Visibility: Generally misty conditions and very poor in precipitation. Once again pockets of good visibility in north, especially towards Monadhliath mountains.

Temperature: **Glens:** Plus 2 Celsius rising to 8 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: 1100m

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